

Hours of Operation: Park open 7:00 a.m. to sunset year round. Park Office open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; closed for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Long Hunter State Park

contains 2600 acres along the shores of J. Percy Priest Lake. It has four units: Couchville, Baker's Grove, Bryant Grove, and Sellar's Farm. With miles of trails traversing unique cedar glades, and a Mississippian Indian village satellite, the park provides rich experiences for visitors. The endangered Tennessee Coneflower is found here along with other unusual plants, mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians.

Meeting Rooms

Long Hunter has one handicap accessible meeting room that can be reserved for groups up to forty people seated auditorium style or twenty classroom style.

Camping

Two backcountry campsites are a six-mile hike in along Priest Lake's shoreline. They are reserved first-come, first-serve by completing a permit at the Park Office. Leashed pets are allowed.

Group Camp

Organized groups can reserve three primitive campsites containing picnic tables, fire rings, nearby water and access to Park Office restroom. A maximum of 100 campers allowed on a given night.

Gift Shop

A gift shop at the Park Office sells Long Hunter t-shirts and belt buckles.

Picnic Pavilions and Playgrounds

Two pavilions containing tables and grills can be reserved. Couchville Shelter on Couchville Lake neighbors a paved, handicap accessible trail, fishing pier, boathouse, volleyball court, playground and restrooms. It accommodates up to one hundred people. Bryant Grove Shelter, on Priest Lake, holding up to forty people, offers a sand swim beach, playground, volleyball court, and restrooms. No pets allowed in either Bryant Grove or Couchville Recreation Areas.

Boating

Enjoy Couchville Lake's tranquil 110 acres by renting johnboats, canoes, or hydrobikes during summer months. Children five years and younger not allowed in rented vessels. Visitors' own small boats and electric trolling motors allowed. Paddles and safety vests provided.

Fishing

A Tennessee Fishing License is required. Licenses and bait available at area convenience stores. Anglers may catch bass, bluegill, catfish, and crappie.

Hiking

Twenty-five miles of easy to moderate hiking trails range from I mile to 6 miles, covering terrain from cedar glades to oak-hickory forests to bluff overlooks. Couchville's 2-mile paved Lake Trail is perfect for strollers and wheelchairs. Maps available at each park unit. Day hikers must exit trails by sunset.

Planned Programs

Long Hunter provides programs year-round that cover a variety of topics for the public, schools or scouts. A 53-foot climbing tower is available for staff-led rappelling, climbing and team building experiences. Call the Park Office for information or a program schedule.

Swimming

Swimming allowed only at Bryant Grove. The sandy, roped swim area has tables, grills, playground, and volleyball nearby. Swimming is unsupervised.

Bike Trails

The Jones Mill Mountain Bike Trail is a day-use dirt trail containing strenuous and beginner loops that connect a short distance from the trailhead. There are no bike rentals.

Nearby Attractions

- Opryland, Nashville, 15 miles
- Downtown Nashville, 18 miles

Other Nearby State Parks

- Cedars of Lebanon, 18 miles
- Bicentennial Mall, 18 miles
- Radnor Lake Natural Area,
 20 míles

